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February 24, 2017

- TO:** Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of Machiasport
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2014-12
- RE:** Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

APRIL 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT MACHIAS
116 O'BRIEN AVENUE
SCIENCE BUILDING, ROOM 102
MACHIAS, ME 04654

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing as listed above to consider an application file by Cooke Aquaculture USA, Inc. for a 27.33-acre, 10-year, aquaculture lease located on the northwest side of Big Libby Island, Machiasport, Maine, for net pen culture of Atlantic salmon.

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached/enclosed. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at: www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html; follow links for "pending lease applications." To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the April 4, 2017 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html, under "Meetings."

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2017.**

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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